Affairs and Sports propose to introduce a new Scheme of State Sports Academy during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme of State Sports Academy is to select the best available potential in sports between age groups of 10-13 years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

The scheme will be funded collectively by a Sponsor, the State Government and the Central Government. The Academy will be a registered Society which will be set up and managed by the sponsor.

(c) Under the scheme it is proposed to set up an Academy in every State/UT, including Tamil Nadu. No specific request has been received from Tamil Nadu Government under this scheme.

(d) and (e) The question does not arise.

Financial assistance to Chikmagalur Golf Club

3862. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for providing financial assistance for development of Chikmagalur Golf Club; and

(b) if so, when the said proposal would be approved and funds provided to the State Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of traditional Indian sports

†3863. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have formulated any scheme to promote traditional Indian sports;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount spent by Government on traditional sports during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government of India has not specifically formulated any scheme for the promotion of traditional Indian sports. As "sports" is a State subject it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to develop sports in their concerned States. Government of India is, however, implementing the following schemes to promote and popularize traditional Indian sports in the country :

(i) Assistance to the National Sports Federations : Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for promotion of traditional sports such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Atya Patya.

(ii) Rural Sports Programme : This scheme contains following two sub-components :

(A) Rural Sports Tournament : Under this component, besides organization of tournaments of selected disciplines, such as Athletics, Tug-of-war, Archery, Hockey, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Weightlifting, Volleyball, Wrestling and Football, State Governments organize tournaments in indigenous sports, popular in the area at block, district and State levels;

(B) Sports Festival for North East Region : Under this component, North-East Sports Festival is organized involving sports persons from the North-Eastern States every year. Besides the selected disciplines, *viz.*, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Table Tennis and Weightlifting, sports disciplines that are popular in these States, are also included.

(C) Besides, under various schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) traditional Indian sports like Archery, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Wrestling, etc. are also promoted.

(c) Under various sports promotional schemes of SAI, talents are identified in old Indian Sports like Archery, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Wrestling

and they are trained scientifically under residential and non-residential basis The expenditure incurred during last three years on the above disciplines is indicated below :

Year	Amount spent
2000-2001	Rs. 104.87 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs. 112.49 lakhs
2002-2003	Rs. 222.70 lakhs

Promotion of youth affairs and sports

†3864. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to promote youth affairs and sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received proposals from various States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the necessary steps taken by Government in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Ministry is implementing the following major schemes/ programmes for promotion of youth affairs and sports in the country :

Youth Affairs

(i) Schemes/Programmes like Youth Clubs Development, Vocational Training, Sports Promotion, Adventure Promotion etc. are being implemented by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

(ii) National Service Scheme.

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